

REMARKS

Claims 1-67, of which claims 46-52 and 65-67 are withdrawn, are pending. In the present Office Action, claims 1-40 and 53-64 are allowed, claims 41 and 43-45 are rejected and claim 42 is objected to.


In the present amendment previously withdrawn claims 46-52 and 65-67, objected claim 42 and rejected claims 43 – 45 are cancelled.

Claim 41 is amended to include the limitations recited in claim 42. The Examiner has indicated that claim 42 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim, claim 41. Claim 41 as currently amended is therefore allowable.

Applicants submit that all the claims pursuant to the current amendment are allowable and respectfully await allowance.

In addition, the Examiner stated that the information disclosure statement filed on July 13, 2001 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) and the Examiner could not obtain a copy of reference 4, Kutka et al. Applicants are attaching a copy of the Kutka reference and submit a 1449 form citing the reference. Applicants respectfully request that the item listed thereon be initialed by the Examiner to ensure that it appears on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

Respectfully submitted,
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